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Christmas in the Air.

Sixteen days more, and then Christmas! Its spirit is now in the air. Its softening influence is getting a grip on the hearts of the children of larger growth-men and women. That is really the best thing Christmas does. It is at this season when are warmed the cockles of hearts that have been chilled and shrunk by the cold the whole being glows with warmth and trembles with tendernes. It is then we realize the truth of the assertion of Him more blessed to give than to receive."

Tokens of respect and esteem and affection are bought without thought of tlny card containing an appropriate sentithem. With what buoyant anticipations of the pleasure this giving will bring are we lifted up out of our meaner selves!

Every home in the land that is blessed is simply appalling. Who knows? with children is a house of mystery. stockings that will be hung up-"The night before Christmas when all through the

Not a creature was stirring-not even a mouse!" Tiny Tim and bruise his old money-grub-

The meaning of it all is ominous to the children. Mother goes shopping oftener than usual. Mysterious packages are slipped into closets and safeguarded by lock and key. Father comes home in the evening with his pockets bulging with strange-looking little bundles. Childish eyes stare in wonder and childish hearts palpitate with the fervor of expectancy. A year ago there was another stocking to fill. The remorseless cruelty of death has left a burning sting in the heart of the mother and father that is temporarily assuaged by the joy of the season; but there

still remains the pitiful longing-"For the touch of a vanished hand,

And the sound of a voice that is still!" Would that the Christmas spirit were always in the air, were in the hearts of grown-ups-that all seasons were the Yuletide-if for no other reason than that the children of larger growth might forget the hardships of the daily strife; and then would loving kindness like a benediction hover over the world!

When Senator Depew mentioned his "lifty years of praise from the press," he hardly expected unanimous assurance of willingness upon the part of the press to take it all back.

Federal License of Corporations.

The Federal license plan for the regulation of corporations engaged in interstate commerce, hinted at by President Roose velt in his message, receives the unqualified indorsement of Secretary Metcalf, prevent aerial smuggling? who regards it as the most feasible methments of a Federal license to do business, in Mr. Metcalf's judgment, are a full disclosure of all facts necessary to show the ownership, properties, financial condition, and management of the corporation; pro ment, he thinks, should have power to revoke the license and to prohibit continuance in interstate business in the event that the corporation fails in its obligations decidedly in favor of the smuggler, toward the government or violates Feder-

porations and to regulate their conduct | tem.

the financial condition of every corpora- would be obviously impracticable, vision

statements at stated intervals.

arouse more opposition, in all probability, the air to reduce our tariff system to a THE WASHINGTON HERALD arouse more opposition, in all probability, the air to reduce than any other feature. This is admitted-hideous mockery. ly a tremendous power to lodge in any department of the government. But it may ng, so also must be the power that seeks ard Oil group just now. to control them. If there is to be Federal regulation of corporations, there must be a Federal authority adequate to the task. We cannot brush away corporate abuses really in fear.

The Philadelphia North American says the people of that city are earnestly looking for an honest man for mayor. If they find him, however, they are so badly out of practice that they will hardly know what to do with him.

Great Suffering in Kentucky.

We have the very highest authority for ed the limit of his impudent and ruthless in quality of production. seemed imminent. The situation, how- alone insures good work. ever, is the same for all, the only differ- There has been some friction between ence being that some will perish help- the Public Printer and some of his emlessly, while others may at last destroy ployes. Much has been said on each side, themselves and their families rather than too much, perhaps, but enough, at any leave them to the fiendish cruelties of rate, to show that there was present a the rabbit militant.

the agonized revelation of a victim who much of this was the outcome of atwho is thus reported:

den stuff, dined off his grass, barked his fruit naturally under a new and more busiselfishness that the strife and struggle of existence entail. But when the Christmas pigs. He feared they would tackle himself and even the cause, we think that if the spirit strikes the air the latent good in human nature is kindled into flame, and famed hunters of Frankfort should come to his aid. and save at least the lives of himself, wife, and pressed in that paragraph of his letter children from the threatened onslaughts of the we have quoted, he cannot go very far blood-thirsty animals. All those who come to his wrong. rescue will be paid 5 cents apiece for every cottonwho died for love of mankind that "it is tail killed, and besides will be given an old-fashioned country dinner for good measure."

This is a desperate and dreadful situation. Under ordinary circumstances we their money cost and without thought of should give it up and abandon Kentucky what the donors are to receive. Out of to the cataclysm. But, away off yonder, the fullness of gratitude for friendships, on the ultimate verge of the horizon, we present or past, we give remembrances. discern a star of courage and of hope. A small thing it may be-perhaps just a Somewhere in the Jo. Blackburn districtwhich is an indefinite and vague descripment-but something to remind the recip- tion, since every district in Kentucky is to his fellows. ients that at this period of preparation for Jo. Blackburn's-they have just discovthe glorious festal day we are thinking of ered a squirrel, snow-white all over and ing Office the opportunity to impress the them and hoping that all goes well with carrying a scarlet, flaming eye. This value of its work upon the country. No strength and courage; and, what is more, he has shown that his mission in this The boyhood chum in the distant land; the world is to fight the rabbit and, if pos- reaches the people; it goes into every old folks back home wondering how the sible, exterminate him. The snow-white printing house in the country, and, subbig, strange world is treating us; the squirrel has invaded Kentucky in large mitted to critical opinion, is there judged. big, strange world is treating us; the squirrel has invaded Kentucky in large classmate fallen in the battle and bleeding and formidable numbers. He is ferocious that the hon, Charles J. Bonaparte will soon be brought into the full glare of the imperfect, and large the saggregations. from the wounds of the conflict-all of beyond words. He seeks the lifeblood of furnishing an example and an inspiration these are summoned back from the past the rabbit, and will be content with nothto memory wakened into love by the ing less. His operations are conducted department to fall into a rut; to be satis-

Nightly, secret conferences are held by Kentuckians. The snow-white squirrel with the department under his charge, the father and mother in whispers. What the red eye is a new one on us; but he is entitled to the good wishes and the workings of the great popular mind one interesting fact connected with his assumed ne will sooner or later attack.

Walks around, the workings of the great popular mind one interesting fact connected with his and so I stand and brood upon the changes. shall be bought on the morrow for the how can any one tell the upshot? At the commendation of all good citizens. before the aspirations seething in it have life is that he has never been to Europe.

An automobile manufacturer says the lest some grown-up seize the crutch of hit." If it's all the same with the manu- bit new-wordy, too. acturers, we trust they will take it ou on the telegraph poles next year.

Airships and the Tariff.

The late Henry George, an ardent freetrader, used to sigh for the time when the universal use of airships for travel and transportation would make it impossible to longer maintain custom-houses he argued, it would be manifestly impossible to prevent absolute freedom of trade in goods carried by aerial freight. as the argosies of the air sail whithersoever they will and land wherever they choose. Evasion of the customs officers by aerial smugglers would become so easy and so general, he thought, as to coming from abroad a farce and a pro- her way.

tective policy a laughing-stock. Mr. George's dream is approximating globe. We learn that in England a discussion has started as to the possibility of the evasion of customs duties by Channel within the past few months, the possibility is by no means remote, At the present rate of progress in the development of aerial navigation it may not be long before communication between England and the continent through the air will be so well established as to

The query opens up a realm of fasciod of exercising governmental control nating speculation. It is suggested that over corporations. The essential require- the government police the upper atmosphere with an aerial fleet to catch offend ers on the wing, and to seize and confis cate airship, contraband, and smuggler. Spectacular conflicts would doubtless take vision for inspection of the corporation's the government airship? They could not show any originality of thought and exrecords and annual reports. The govern- be constantly on the wing, nor could they pression. effectively guard the immense regions of the air, without coastline, or boundaries, or surface. We should think the odds

Our insular position will undoubtedly save us from immediate contact with the interesting problem now undergoing disone, having been more or less discussed cussion in England. No airship has yet in the press and on the platform for a crossed the Atlantic, and we presume number of years. It presents the great none is likely to cross for some years to advantage of coming within the constitu- come. However, should aeronautics tional authority of the Federal govern- solve the difficulties at present in the to take notice. ment, which has unquestioned power to way of over-sea traffic via the air, there regulate commerce among the States, a will be serious trouble ahead for such power which has been constantly broad- standpatters as may unhappily survive to ened by statute and by judicial interpreta- see that day. The problems presented tion as necessity has arisen. Mr. Metcalf by airship navigation will then become to your own graft in Pennsylvania your points out that the control of corporations momentous and pressing. They will seem to be perfectly safe from interference. So long as you stick to your own graft in Pennsylvania your long. A timely Christmas gift for the little ones. Order now from your newspoints out that the control of corporations momentous and pressing. They will seem to be perfectly safe from interferunder the license plan would not conflict threaten, as Henry George foresaw, the ence. with the right of the States to create cor. very foundations of the protective sys-

within State boundaries, another strong We regret that President Roosevelt should not have included this very im-No honestly managed corporation could portant, though not very immediately imobject to the requirements for a license portant, topic among the glimpses into up, Santa Clause will not be able to afford answerable argument that for higher feproposed by Mr. Metcalf. They simply the future with which his recent message more than a goatee. provide for publicity as to those facts abounds. We can see no way out of our about every big corporation which the in- prospective aerial problems but the govvestor has a right to know. Public senti- ernment regulation and supervision of ment, both in and out of Wall street, is aerial navigation. Government ownership, strongly in favor of exact statements of such as would be proposed by Mr. Bryan, tion and of honest and impartial annual ary, and dangerous; but proper superreports. The Federal government would vision and control over persons and cor- illustrating of the Panama message fore- gress. accomplish a great public service by com- porations engaged in aerial commerce, pelling the rendering of such reports and such as that which President Roosevelt has wisely suggested with respect to That portion of the Federal license plan mundane interstate business, would be to prohibit interstate commerce will greedy and unscrupulous navigators of for the place.

A Cornell professor thinks grand juries be truly said that as the powers of the ought to be abolished. That ought to orporations are enormous and far-reach. get something handsome from the Stand-

Stillings Can't Aim Too High.

There seems to be some difference of than his proposed use of the public carriages or the hours for receiving callers. The paragraph in question is that in which Mr. Stillings declares:

"It is my desire that the Government Printing Office shall be pre-eminently the leader among a hickory limb: printing and binding establishments, not only in The affirmati saying that B'rer Rabbit has about reach- equipment and administration, but in personnel and method of an affectionate mother, by charges against Senator Bailey.

depredations in the once proud State of In every respect this is a most worthy Kentucky. The latest accounts from the desire. It sets a high ideal, one which blue grass are to the effect that a large not only can be attained, but which majority of the population is living in should be attained. There is every reason she shows the parental instinct as well barricaded houses, and has abandoned why the Government Printing Office as great acumen the poultry, the young pigs, and all the should be pre-eminent among printing smaller and feebler domestic animals to offices. It has the men, the money, and to have her daughter avoid the danger their fate. Stout-hearted men, who at every possible facility. It comes into of drowning, or, perhaps, only of taking He has been intimately connected with first fought the invading horde, are now competition with no one, for its rate of cold, or she may have desired her to the Gould interests in the Lone Star out of ammunition. Those equally brave wages, generally speaking, is higher than but far more cautious citizens who look that in non-governmental shops; there ahead are saving their cartridges for should be that environment, that spirit the death struggle which, a week ago, of contentment, that pride in labor which

the part of the Public Printer to force "They had, he said, cleaned up all his late gar- reforms rather than to let them come

We are rapidly approaching the time when the people will cease to tolerate the system which would make our governmental departments the refuge for the dissipation and folly! Incompetent. We ought to be able to believe that the government's service is highest service, demanding patriotic fidelity to duty. Every government employe should feel that he is set in a high place.

Particularly has the Government Printsquirrel, it appears, is of a peculiar department sends the results of its labors It is the tendency of a big governmental in overwhelming force. His determination fied that its work is accomplished, somehow. If Mr. Stillings is earnestly and too high.

The Springfield Republican says: "The Old Scrooge would better stay indoors, new models for 1907 will "make a great President's message is wordy." Just a

rary. Secretary Root's appended report

and to collect tariffs on imports. For, but the Senate would like to know what the country thinks if it, all the same.

An Indiana schoolma'am is to be dis-They must raise a grouchy lot of school rustees out in Indiana.

For a while it must have seemed to make the collection of duties on goods California that everything was coming drop to the rear with their ancient loads Paris by the great Napoleon, and the

reality in at least one quarter of the rest content with its simplified grammar and rhetoric.

There is some doubt as to whether the item, "butter is stronger," now going smugglers using flying machines. Since the rounds of the press, belongs in the number of balloons have crossed the market reports or on the sporting page.

> The statement that "the President's message was received somewhat in the nature of a sermon" wasn't happy. So far, we have not heard of it putting A German who impersonated an army

How, then, will the British government a great mistake in not being born an Mr. Fred Landis will not watch the

"The most popular person in the kingroyal baby," place, but would it not be easy to evade Haakon, of Norway. The King fails to

> A New York man has invented a flying window of the large department store. machine which he calls a wind-wagon. with the public in general as the water-

wagon is with Kentucky in particular. great success of the Southern Railway's the building in search of me, and I new president by calling attention to the fact that he once lived in Atlanta. Incidentally, it will also be observed that he bundle it is carrying under its arm." moved out as soon as he got old enough

Some Norristown (Pa.) men saw a burglar at work the other night, but refused Canal is not only to be profusely illuson their premises. So long as you stick

Russian naval officers are still attend ng court; however, there isn't anything From the Richmond News-Leader.

If the price of cotton continues to go in less than ten months." Another un

A Maryland man paid a strange lady's or so ago, and last week she married him. That just shows sometimes happen to people who undertake to mind other people's affairs.

shadows any intention upon the part of Mr. Roosevelt to also reach out for Mr

Mrs. Cassie Chadwick is said to be a shall be a shooting gallery in every school, the Congressman to his son, adding:

A LAY SERMON.

BY A LAYMAN.

Mother, may I go out to swim? Oh, yes; oh, yes; my daughter; But hang your clothes on a hickory limb,

And do not go near the water. The author of these lines evidently intended to teach a lesson of parental opinion as to the advisability of the gen- care. Learned commentators have dif- Texans in Washington think that the with a feather. The Big Stick is the only eral tone of the letter sent on Friday by fered about the answer of the mother, weapon of which the corporations are Public Printer Stillings to members of some, perhaps the greater number, hav- Campbell. Col. Campbell will take his both Houses of Congress. But one para- ing her refuse by saying, "Oh, no; oh, seat with the assembling of the new leggraph of the document, which, so far, no, my daughter;" but from a very islature, the members of which were has been overlooked in the general crit- careful study of the subject I have come icism, is worthy of deeper consideration to the conclusion that the answer was one of assent, as I give it above.

If she had announced her refusal she would simply have said, "Oh, no; oh, no, ate he would be succeeded in the guber my daughter," and certainly would not have advised her to hang her clothes on

which she hopes to gratify, or rather, friends in Washington of the Senator not to offend, her daughter, and yet think they discern in this the cause of not to offend, her daughter, and yet couple her assent with such terms as Attorney General Davidson's energeti really amount to a refusal. In this

It may be said that her object was take a sun or an air bath. The writer, State, and was receiver for the Interna however, does not give us the time of tional and Great Northern Railroad, year of the important incident, hence part of the Gould system in Texas.

closes without our being informed as to be that Senator Balley will be defeated what action the daughter took. If the in spite of the unanimous instructions weather was chilly, it is not likely that for him in the primeries. she followed the advice of her mother, but, perhaps, thinking the matter over. concluded that it was evidently against Messrs. Frank P. Kellogg and C. A. Sevthe wishes of her mother for her to feeling of unrest and dissatisfaction with take the swim, and feeling disinclined In the Kentucky State Journal we find executive methods. It may well be that to hang her clothes on a hickory limb, et praterea nihil, like a dutiful child issues a Macedonian cry for rescue, and tempted reforms, of too eager zeal on she remained at home, and soon engrossed in domestic duties forgot her were for several years the law partners desire to swim, while the mother cougratulated herself for having achieved Minnesota, who, as chairman of the Com er object without giving any offense.

How many daughters are there whose ate, headed the United States Peace Com desires to swim in society have given missioners sent to Paris by President Mctheir mothers the deepest anguish? Kinley to negotiate the treaty of peace. These, if they are blessed with careful, with Spain in 1898. The firm name was iscreet, and affectionate mothers like Davis, Kellogg & Severance, with office the one named in the text, do not al- in St. Paul, and it was regarded as the ways ask their mothers for permission to go out to swim, but do so on their own volition, and how often they are destroyed in the waters of fashionable lucrative practice in Minnesota, and in

The mother whose affection for her daughter is swallowed up in pride of large proportions, because they must show and dress gives always the af-firmative answer, but with no hickory limb qualifying words; and the mother and daughter both, too often, whose years, so that in bringing them into th and that his work should be an example lives might have been happy and useful, prosecution of the trust cases the Departgive way to the seductions of mere ment of Justice has secured the services show, and generally end their lives in of lawyers intimately acquainted with cor sorrow and disappointment.

ROOSEVELT THE STRONG.

Down-East View of the Masterful Man in the White House.

Arthur Warren, in Boston Herald, The gods are good to the President. Was Never in Europe. They turn all things and all people to There is still hope for Kentucky and honestly striving to reach a high ideal clusions. There is a psychic something resent the huge special interests which it the hope for Kentucky and honestly striving to reach a high ideal clusions. There is a psychic something resent the huge special interests which it There is no old familiar face in all my least, it costs nothing to hope for the In trying to reach the mark he can't aim found tongue. He alone walks in the He could, if he were so disposed, go to to the great heart.

A year ago, when the Fifty-ninth Congress came in, the thoughts of the na- France, and, although he was introduced pening gun in a broad campaign of re- against this masterful man. The big masays an enthusiastic contempo-jority in the House was too big, and secretary Root's appended report some of it thought it would tell the some of it thought it would tell the was the magazine supplement, we president the time of day. The Senate, ney General of the United States has never visited Europe, if for no other pur-The Senate will maintain a dignified corrections. But how he overcame the opposition—he and circumstances. They silence while the House skates around on who had come to curse remained to pray, thin ice in the matter of more salary; all except a brace of the robustious. And He was born with an ample fortune, has now, "It is as you please, sir," and "What is your wish, Mr. President?"

There has been an election, you see, and the many have upheld the one. charged because she is so pretty the Wherever the President's influence was pupils cannot keep their eyes off of her. put forth in a State down went the canlidate whom he opposed, whether of his own party or the other. The obtusest Congressman can read such a sign as that. And one by one the old war horses of bygone policies.

A Senator who held out long in the op-As for the Congressional Record, it will position last session, and who made a great point of criticising the President for his "interference," for his "domination of Congress," said to me: "Of course one has to criticise that sort of thing: but, after all, the President does just tending as a delegate the deep waterways what I did when I was governor of my State. I used to tell the members of the legislature what I wanted, and I usually carried my point." The Senator might the President has with Congressmen. President is a man-driver and a wielder death. As a news story the killing was of sledge hammers. But the Senator's of great interest to the readers of Texas confession is illuminating. It always newspapers, even in that day. Col. Sterett makes a difference whose ox is gored. was responsible for the news service of become one of the ordinary features of officer and stole the town treasury is to makes a difference whose ox is gored. President Roosevelt's prefecessor did not modern life, like the wireless telegraph. gore oxen. He was soothful. President McKinley was happiest in placating. He liked to please everybody. President Roosevelt bends his energies to the suc cessful issues of his own policies. He ssional door, as has been suggested. He will keep his weather eye on the "has the country with him." He knows

says King From the Woman's Home Journal.
King fails to "Have you lost anything, madam?" square-jawed, austere-looking who stood before the "lost and found" "Yes, sir," she replied. will probably be about as popular pounds of husband, in a light brown suit, with black derby hat, small tuft of hair on its chin, and a frightened look. I affray of which I am speaking was of lost it in a crush at the fancy goods such public notoriety that my local cor-The Atlanta Constitution explains the counter. It's probably wandering through respondent would feel embeddened to

Seasonable Literary Treat.

From the New York Evening Post. The President's message on the Panama trated, but it will be rich in comic spell-

Higher Education.

"A hen on the premises of Cornel University is said to have laid 225 eggs

The Most Radical Ever. From the New Orleans Picayune.

In its urgent recommendations and im perious demands it is doubtless the most radical annual message ever sent by a It isn't probable, however, that the Chief Mugistrate of the republic to Con-

From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The President recommends that there for boxing lessons.

CAPITOL GOSSIP.

May Succeed Bailey.

If, as the result of the sensationa charges preferred against Senator Bailey, alleging his too intimate relationship with Standard Oil interests, the legisla ture soon to assemble at Austin should conclude to choose a successor to him choice will fall to Gov.-elect Thomas M. unanimously instructed in the primary elections last summer to vote for the re turn of Senator Bailey. In the event of the election of Gov. Campbell to the Sen natorial chair by the Hon. A. B. David my daughter," and certainly would not have advised her to hang her clothes on a hickory limb.

The affirmative answer shows the of Texas, who is now pressing the course against Mr. Bailey. Gov.-elec Campbell has for many years been influential in Texas affairs. Although prom-Although promment in politics for a long time, he has been one of the most conspicuous and influential railroad lawyers in the State we can not settle the question.

Unfortunately for us the incident formed Texans in Washington seems to Partners of "Cush" Davis.

erance, whose names are so intimately connected with the programme of trust prosecutions which it is understood the administration has definitely decided upon, of the late Senator Cushman K. Davis, of mittee on Foreign Relations of the Sen giving their time to the government they poration methods and practices. They are ald to be working hard on the Standard Oil case, and a notable performance is expected from them in pected from them in that prosecution under the guidance of the Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte, who will soon be Attorney General.

of the imperfect, and lure the sagacious publicity by reason of his early assumpon with blue-eyed smiles. He has the tion of the office of Attorney General, happy art, this Chieftain (or is it gift?) every detail of his life and record is beof divining the people's will even before lng eagerly sought by representatives in The trees are whispering that now I have place that will astonish the world." about him which enables him to know is assumed he will sooner or later attack. sun, and leaves the politicians groping the Old World and receive the treatment in the gloom of yesternight. He is close there of a prince of the blood, or some thing very akin to it. His elder brother standing in society and official life at the And I have heard the battle song of winds women than was the case in evidences of the world-conquering career of his immortal kinsman, is not known. had leisure all his life, is fond of travel and study, and is an accomplished lin guist, speaking French as fluently as he does English. But for reasons of his own he has preferred the life of an American gentleman to that of a European nobleman, and seems content never to indulge the pleasure of the average rich American who goes to Europe, which is monuments erected in that capital to celebrate his victories in war.

Journalism in Texas. Col. William Greene Sterett, the Texas journalist of national repute, who is atconference, relates an experience which he says was typical of the early journalism of his State. In an election melee at the have added that as governor he had a polls in a county near Dallas, the sheriff more cajoleful way with legislators than of the county, two of his deputies, and The five or six private citizens were shot to the paper with which he was then the managing editor, and he promptly telegraphed his local correspondent at the driving nails while he tried to follow scene of bloodshed to wire full particulars them with his right hand,

early that night, "In those days," said Col. Sterett yestercares not who is displeased so long as lie day, "newspaper men in Texas knew better than to guess at such things. Experthemselves from the unpleasantness of a shooting scrape, they were careful to give only the bare facts of official knowledge, Unlike the Eastern newspaper men, they never indulged in conjectures and specula-tions as to who were the guilty parties. They waited for all of the facts to be developed by the coroner's inquest or the "I've lost 114 public trial in court before venturing to even hint at the perpetrators of sanguinary deeds like this. But I thought the cover it fully. But imagine my chagrin this brief dispatch

Another Mixed Text.

When Champ Clark's son was younger, From the Boston Herald, his father intrusted him with the duty of text of the preacher's sermon. memorized the text all right, pa,"

said the young hopeful on his return.

manded the father, austerely. "It was from Revelations," replied the ope and pride of the Missouri statesman, from New Haven, and, taking a live colt by the tail, pulled him out of the halt-

"Then repeat it to me, word for word."

"Nonsense," scowled the "There's nothing like that in Revelations or any other part of the Bible." He telephoned the preacher to learn the text, and received from that good man

the following version: "An angel came down from heaven, and. taking a live coal, laid it on the altar.' "That'll do for you," reprovingly said From the St. Louis Republic.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

POOR FELLOW. She was a cruel, cruel girl. Deep was his woe When, toying with a vagrant curl, She bade him go. And then she rubbed the edict in In heartless way, For as he rose with sheepish grin, She bade nim stay.

He thought it was a woman's whim. Hope filled his breast Until, with visage stern and grim, And then that she was not in play He understood, For ah, alas! she bade him stay Away for good!

A Matter of Ethics? "Paw, ain't the President a servant of he people?" "Sure."

'Paw-uh!" 'Well, Johnny." "Is that why he gave notice?"

"Some people don't care much for vul- interests for \$1,000,000." gar details. "Ah!" "But they are evidently not the ones to

whom the sensational papers cater.

Vulgarer the Better,

Christmas Tree. For bells to chime A time for mirth and glee

For all save dad, And he, egad, Is up his usual tree! Lack of Craft.

"How can American girls marry foreign

ords? "Oh, I dunno." "I should think their parents would ob-"That's probably just the mistake their arents make.'

Instead of Villagers. "I hear you are writing an American

mic opera.' "Yes; the hero is a senator." "Good! Great chance to work in horus of merry, merry pillagers."

THE INNOCENT BYSTANDER.

THE OLD SCHOOL BELL. The olden paths are dim to-day, long time the weeds have blown In withered dreariness upon the trails that

The old home is a ruin now, a place of crumbling walls, With all the dust of emptiness strewn thickly in its halls,

loved so well

see the ways

Except the silver singing of the old school A homely thought? A homely thing? But those were homely days. And back they come in memory until I

I used to walk, and see again the troop of girls and boys, And own again the treasures of my vanished childish joys; And on and on the echoes run, more sweet

The roses of the long ago are shriveled on the stem,

I have found, boy days surely fell-

marvel melodies,

upon the sea the mystic spell

I owned of old harsh notes to tones of gold.

and deftly woven all The best of all the days I thought were gone beyond recall ing swell-

The clinging, swinging cadence of the old

See the man! Oh, yes, the man is swearing rapidly. Now he is putting his thumb in his

not because his thumb has stopped hurt-

How did he do so? Do you not see the book on the floor? It is entitled "Every Man His Own Carpenter."

hand and reading the instructions for P

his mouth and is saying some more things. | conditions." Ha, ha! We should not laugh so heartily had we who will lead the Democratic armies not smashed our own thumb once or in 1908?" asked a Herald reporter of

We learn from this that in the onward march of time we often learn that from at the Raleigh yesterday, shortly after our misfortunes of to-day we glean our his reaching the city from the West. joys of to-morrow.

will be helped even more. WILBUR NESBIT.

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From the Rochester Herald. of the palace car company then bearing a little while ago seemed to be radical "The sheriff of the county, two of his his name, found his funeral pyre in one "The sheriff of the county, two of his deputies, and five or six citizens were shot down at the polls here to-day in a free fight. Various persons are suspected, the the hundle passenger who usually pays to full of process and the end is not a first full of the containt full of the containt full of the containt full of the containt full of the conta air is full of rumors, and the end is not with his life the cost of careless oper-by Col. Roosevelt.

Not a Strangle Hold,

The Democratic party has lassoed the attending church and bringing back the President. That is Leader John Sharp Williams' comment on the message. Wonder if the party will be able to hold on to its end of the rope?

A Yellow Kid Message.

From the Baltimore American If Hearst ever has the opportunity to and was this: 'An Indian came down write a Presidential message, he will ing in the Appalachian range, have flowed show the country what an illustrated message really ought to be.

> From the Indianapolis News. Still, it is a little disappointing not to find "Dee-lighted!" or "Bully!" any place in the whole blamed thing.

Disappointed in the Message.

Marriage and Divorce.

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The country will change much before fourteen cotton and woolen mills, besides

HEARD AT HOTELS.

"Men out on the Coast are making money so fast in mining speculations nowadays that it makes one dizzy to think of it," said Mr. Edward C. Sissons,

of Oakland, Cal., at the Arlington. "Senator George Nixon, of Nevada, is urrently reported to have made \$20,-900,500 in mining deals within a short period, and I do not believe the amount is exaggerated. A man named Nash, who was a chauffeur in San Francisco, and who hadn't a dollar, went to a friend of mine and got credit for an automobile, telling my friend he wanted to take it to Tonopah, and that if he made any money but of it he would send him the price of the machine. Automobiles, by the way, now command \$150 a day

out in that country. "Well, the fellow seemed honest, and got the automobile on nothing but his word. He took it to the Nevada gold camps and made enough money with it to send back the purchase price in a few weeks. Then he went to speculating in stocks, and to-day he could close out his

"Galveston is badly torn up now because of the work of raising the grade of the island on which the city is built," said ex-Representative Walter Gresham, of that

Texas seaport, at the Riggs House. "A stranger coming to our city and see-ing the houses propped up on stilts, while sand was being pumped under them, would not think he had hit upon a town of much beauty. Until this great project is completed we will not present an inviting appearance, but in the course of two or three years Galveston will be the peer of any city in the land in the way of natural and artificial charm.

"Our great sea wall, seventeen feet high and four and one-half miles long, has been completed, and the raising of the ground is half way accomplished. Back of the sea wall will be a concrete sidewalk fourteen feet wide, and back of that a brick-paved boulevard of ample width, bordered the whole of its extent with a grass plot which will be planted in oleanders and other semi-tropi tion. The sea wall and the elevation of all the ground of Galveston Island from one and a half to fifteen feet will be a perpetual defense from the danger of in-undation from the Gulf of Mexico and ecure our people immunity from even uch severe tidal waves as nearly rulned the city and drowned 6,000 of its inhabi-tants in the terrific storm of September,

"An Iowa school teacher who had saved up something like \$1,600 went up into Northwest Canada, in the Saskatchewan country, a year ago, and was so impressed with the fertile farming lands And there is nothing left of all the days I that he used his entire capital buying options on farms," said Mr. William

"He was an elderly man, who had the onfidence of his entire community, and so when he went back home and told his neighbors of the cheapness and produc-tiveness of Canadian soil he got three carloads of them to make a trip up there, with the result that he quickly disposed of all that he had acquired, and when the last piece of land was sold he had a clear profit of \$40,000. I got the story from him, and it was confirmed by a local bank cashler. Such deals are of frequent occurrence, for the greatest agriion, and in that time a growth will take

Until there comes a strain that from the kay-Smith, the former well-known pastor It is the mellow music of the old school the Arlington. "I am inclined to think left Baltimore soon after the last Na-poleon was seated upon the throne of The tones sweep out across the morn, they "Col. Patterson," the family And I have heard great organs make their more homage paid to virtue nowadays And glory-chants of mountain choirs of ler declined to be made Archbishop of gale and crag and tree,
But never have I heard a song of half Church of England was decadent, and That is worked by the magic of the old minent that it was useless for him to school bell.

The mystic spen minent that it was useless for him to accept the higher office. But nobody The hand of time has taken all the things the present. In the same way the great one, but it has changed the bell's had visited every church in London, and in none of them had he heard preached

> ing at the Raleigh. "We have some unusually powerful corporations in the State, and they used noney unsparingly to elect the Republican candidates. Personally, the result did not matter, as I had long ago renounced all idea of further continuance in politics life. I would have been glad, however, to That is why he has stopped swearing; have a Democratic successor in the per-not because his thumb has stopped hurt-son of Mr. O'Donnell, of Denver, one of

> Yes, he has smitten his thumb with the gentleman of the highest character. "But, in addition to corporation oppo-sition, the Democrats had to contend with a more formidable opponent-prosperity. There is such an era of times throughout the West that the great majority of voters could not be br Yes, the man was holding it in his left to see the necessity of any change in the ditical complexion of the country. Colorado there has been an unprecedented time of plenteousness and industrial peace, and, naturally, men were loath to cast a Now he has removed his thumb from vote that might disturb such excellent

Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, "If Mr. Bryan desires or would accept the nomination for President, it seems to Let us watch the man. Maybe he will me now that he would be certain of getattempt some more hammering and we ting it. The general political situation at this time is somewhat chaotic; frank-ness demands that much. It seems to me that Mr. Bryan would stand at least an even, if not better than even, chanc of election. The President's continually progressive attitude on public It is recalled that President Wagner, has made commonplace that which only and revolutionary. For myself I think

> "The people of my city believe they are destined to a place in the front rank of the industrial centers of the South," said Mr. J. Ralston Cargill, president of the Board of Trade of Columbus, Ga., at the Arlington.

"We have named Columbus the 'Electric City of the South,' and with its present and prospective development of water power it bids fair to become a second Niagara electrically. For centuries the waters of the Chattahooache River, risuntrammeled to the Gulf, navigable part of the way, but only of late has man's inventive genius shown the way to har-ness the waters and utilize their flow in a practical direction. Situated on the east bank of that stream, 360 miles from the Gulf, and at the head of navigation, Columbus has been making swift progress commercially and industrially. It is in the heart of a fine farming region, and has the best transportation facilities. seven railroads centering there. We have

Robins, of Ontario, at the Shoreham

"Whether the world is getting better or not is one of those broad questions that are difficult of answer," said Bishop Macof St. John's, to a Herald reporter at there is a gradual, even if slow, improvein the outward conduct of men and generations. A century ago Bishop Butthat the day of its extinction was so imwould take such a view of the church at legal luminary. Blackstone, said that he

ed them and strengthened them the religion of Jesus Christ." "The Democratic ticket had not one chance in a million in Colorado this year," Into a strain of melody with soul-uplift- said Hon. Thomas M. Patterson, United States Senator from that State, last even-

the ablest lawyers in Colorado, and a

involving the power to revoke licenses and just the thing. It will not do to allow model prisoner; in fact, just the woman and some day he may suggest an annex next time I can't go to church I'll send the States surrender their control over a score of other industries, which give employment to 6,000 operatives.